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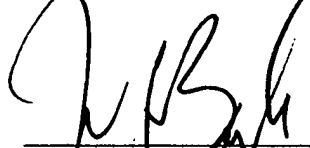
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## APPENDIX

1. FR 2,769,850, published April 23, 1999, in France;
2. DE 3,537,367, published April 23, 1987, in Germany;
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